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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI

25X1A ATTENTION: [REDACTED]
THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS
FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)
SUBJECT: Palana-Tigil Area Search for Missile Related Activities
(Kamchatka Peninsula, USSR)
REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-SI-80,999
(b) CIA/PID Project C 167-64

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 20 January 1964 requesting line drawings of the Palana and Tigil complexes and identification of any missile related activities in the Palana-Tigil area (see Figure 1).

25X1D 2. A search of the entire area was conducted utilizing the most recent useable [REDACTED] coverage available. Mission [REDACTED] was used for the detailed readout and line drawings of the requested complexes. An examination of the most recent mission [REDACTED] showed no significant changes at any of these complexes. Heavy snow cover on this mission hampered the identification of any changes which may have occurred. Line drawings and detailed study was performed on the following areas.

a. Palana Complex: No major activities discernible. Palana Airfield appears serviceable but no aircraft activity was observed (Mission [REDACTED]). (See Figures 2, 6, and 7.)

25X1D b. Tigil Complex: No major activities discernible. The location of Tigil Airfield was established at 57-45-30N 158-39-40E. It is a natural surface landing strip, approximately 1700 feet in length, situated on a sand bar along the Tigil River immediately west of the town. Two Colt aircraft were present (Mission [REDACTED]). (See Figures 3, 8, and 9.)

c. Voyampolka Kochevaya-Korn Complex: This area is of interest because it is located midway between Palana and Tigil. Voyampolka Kochevaya (see Figures 4, 10, and 11) contains ten administration-type buildings, the largest being approximately 75 by 75 feet, and 65 small buildings approximately 20 by 20 feet, which are probable living quarters.

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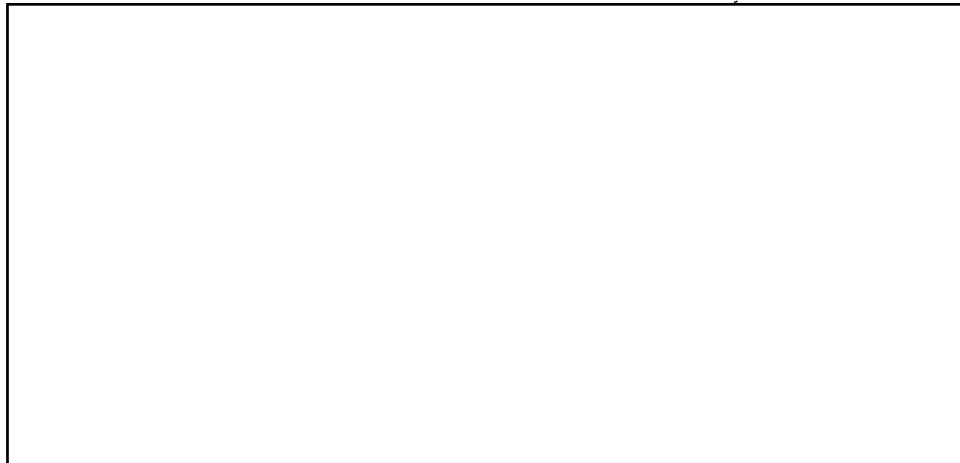
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The Korn area (see Figures 5, 12, and 13) is located approximately seven nautical miles northwest of Voyampolka Kochevaya. It is situated on the high side of the river approximately seven nautical miles from the coast. About 10 small buildings are scattered throughout the area. A tower-like structure approximately 175 feet in height was observed along the river at the south end of the Korn area. It appears to have two levels which indicates it may be used for visual observation of the area. However, no positive statement can be made concerning the function of this tower due to the small scale of the available coverage.

Both Korn and Voyampolka Kochevaya were observed on good quality photography of [REDACTED]. No significant change in either area was apparent when compared with coverage from Missions [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Photography from Mission [REDACTED], the earliest coverage of the area, was studied for comparison purposes but the poor quality of the photography precluded detailed study other than to say that both Voyampolka and Korn were present at that time [REDACTED]. No positive statement can be made concerning the presence of the tower at Korn on Mission [REDACTED] coverage.

The following photography was examined in this search:

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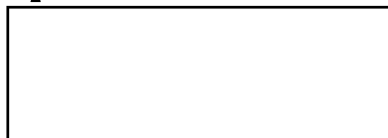
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3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

4. This project is considered to be complete.



Enclosures:

- 1 - Five (5) line drawings
(CIA/PID/MEB-P-219/64 thru
P-223/64)
- 2 - Eight (8) prints (Job Nos. 64-8396
and 64-8576)(CIA/PID/MEB-P-224/64
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PALANA - TIGIL AREA
(KAMCHATKA PENINSULA)

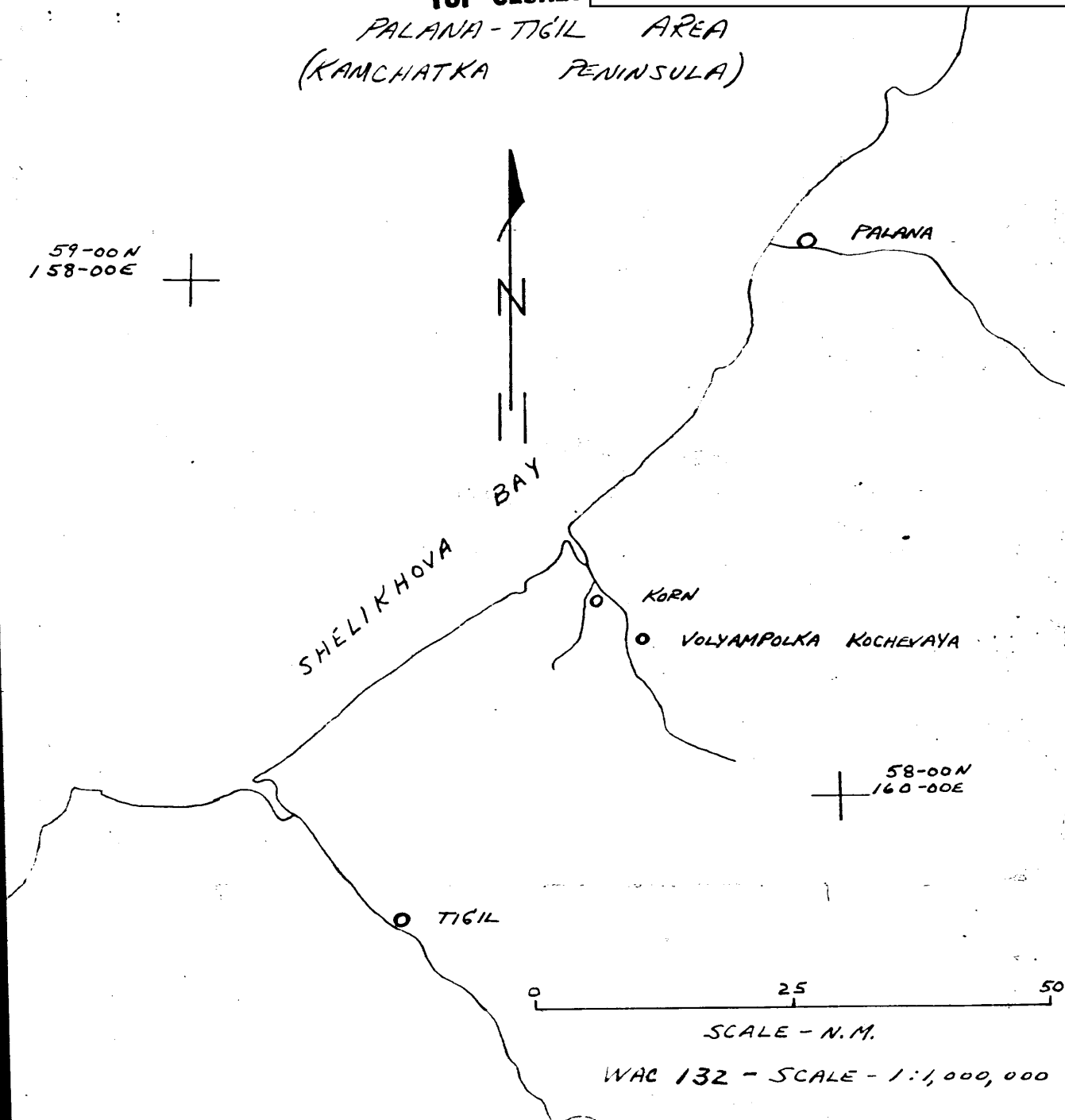


FIGURE 1

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PALANA COMPLEX
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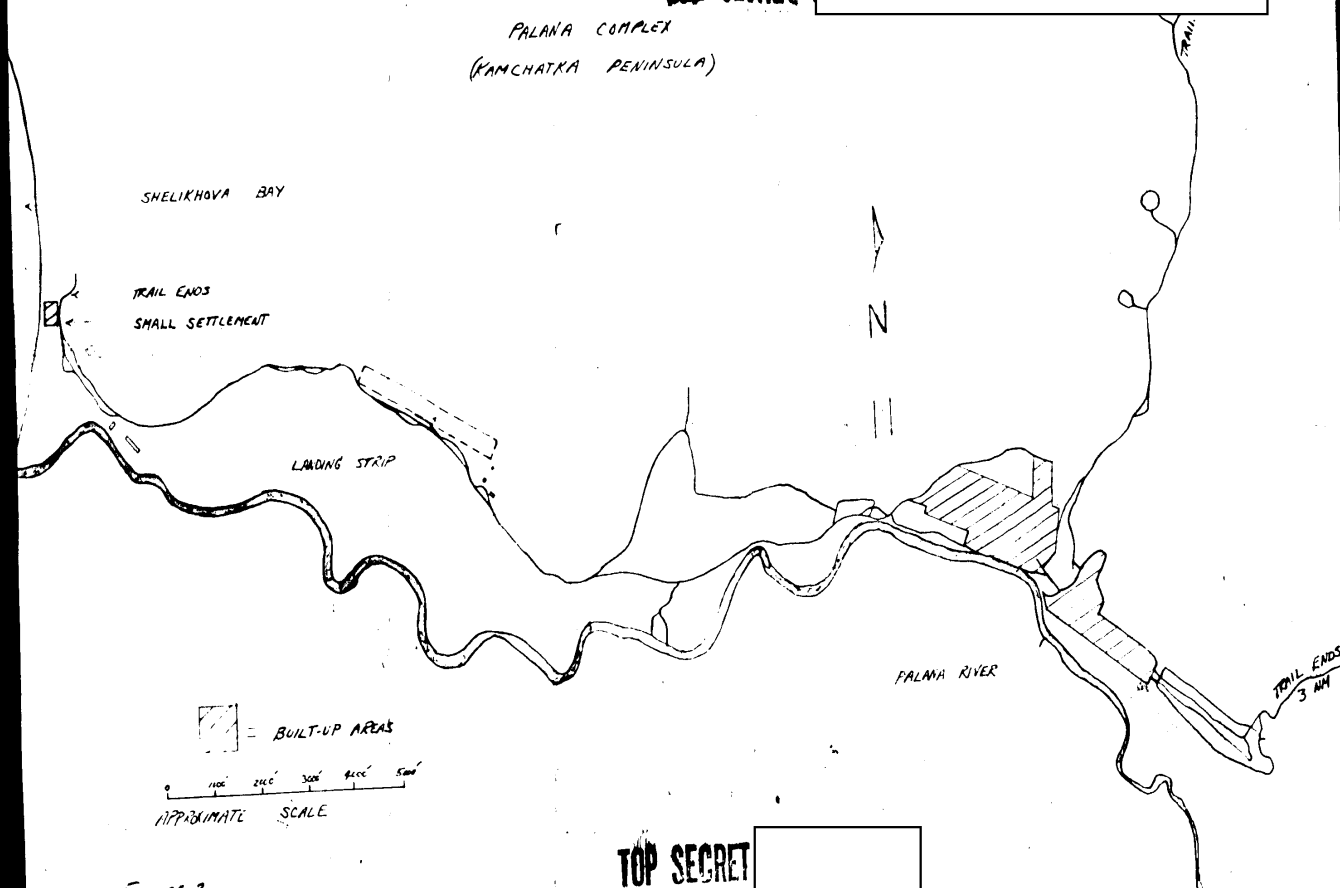


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TIGIL COMPLEX
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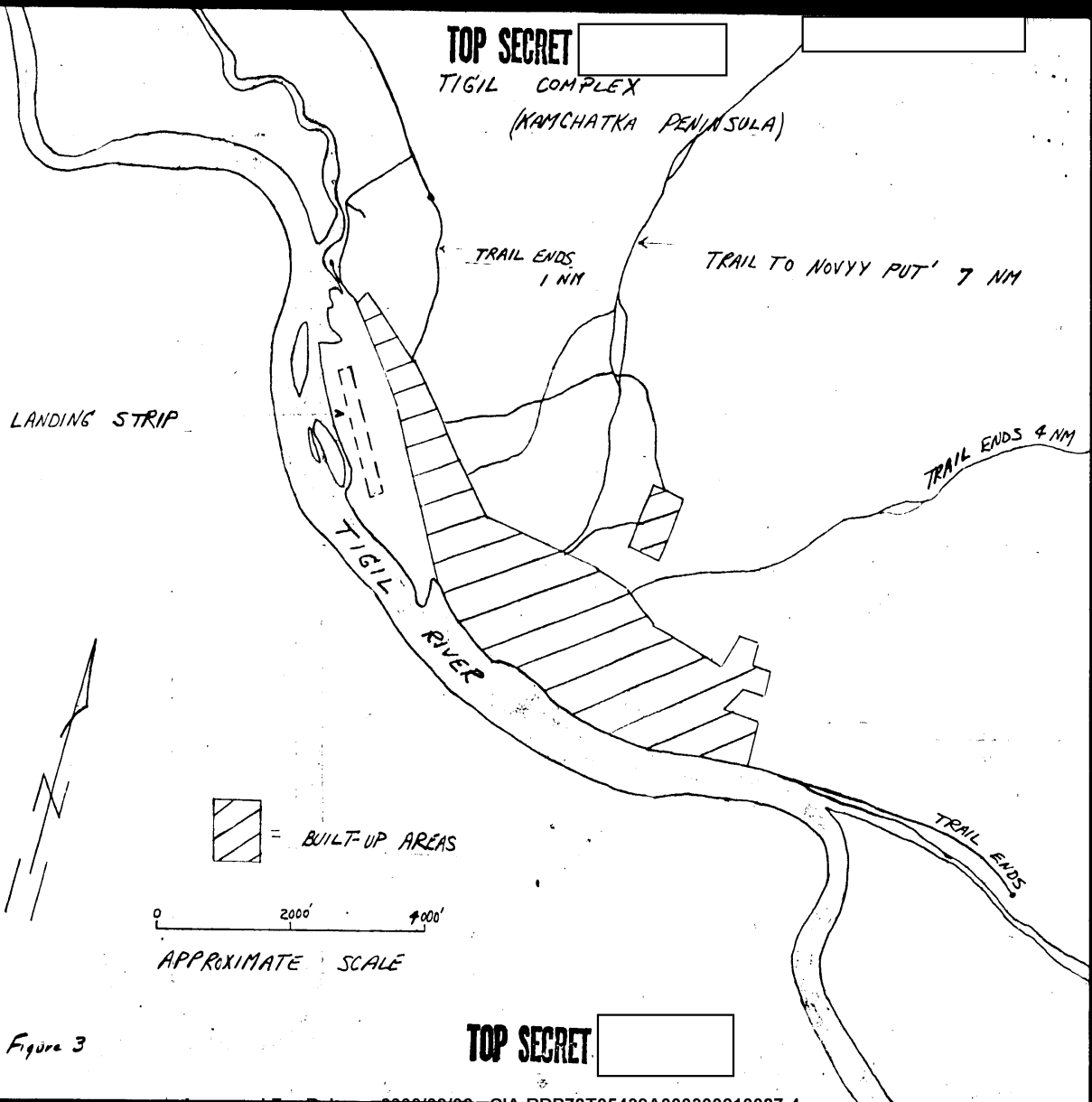


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VOYAMPOLKA KOCHEVAYA COMPLEX

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(KAMCHATKA PENINSULA)

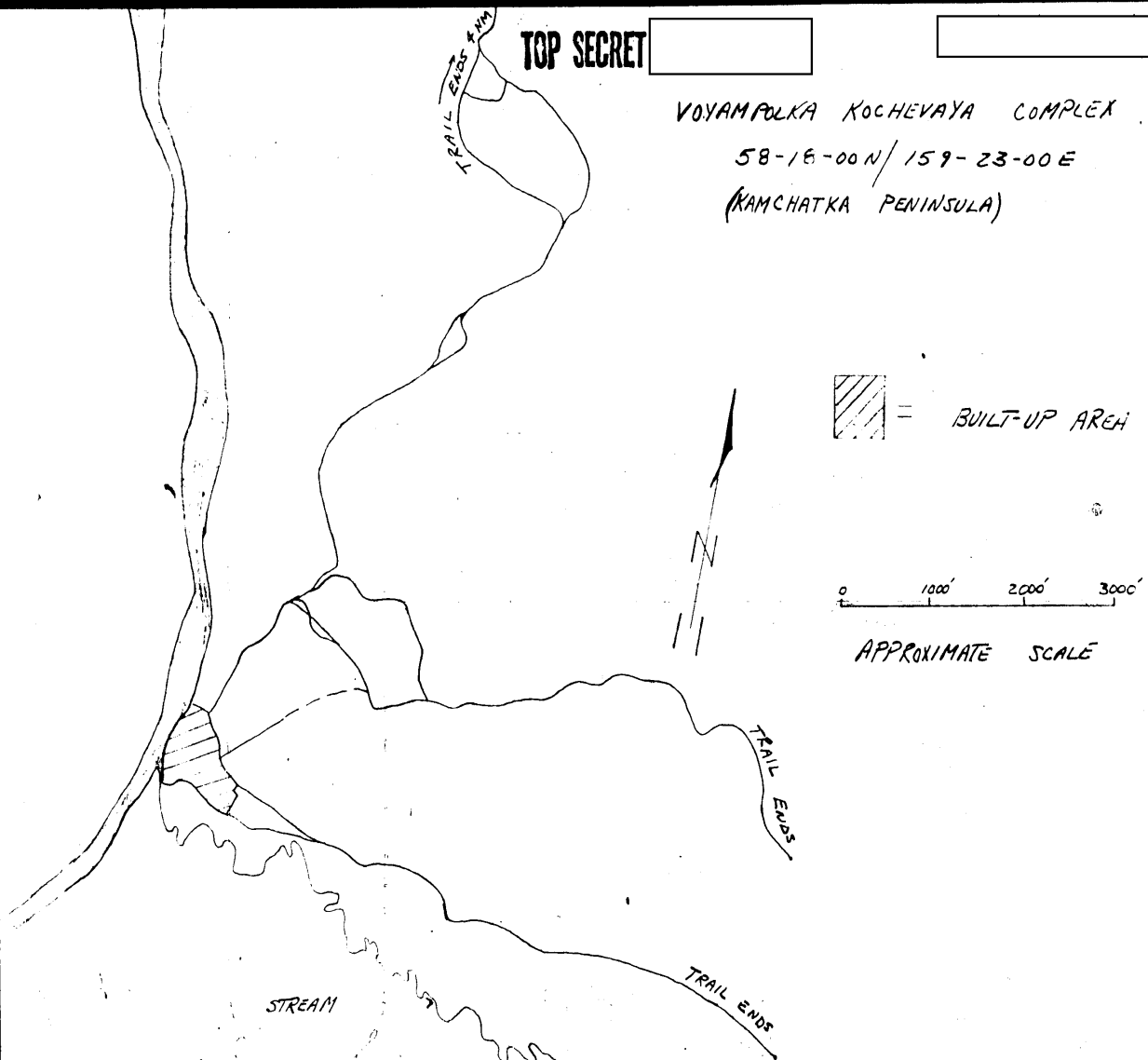


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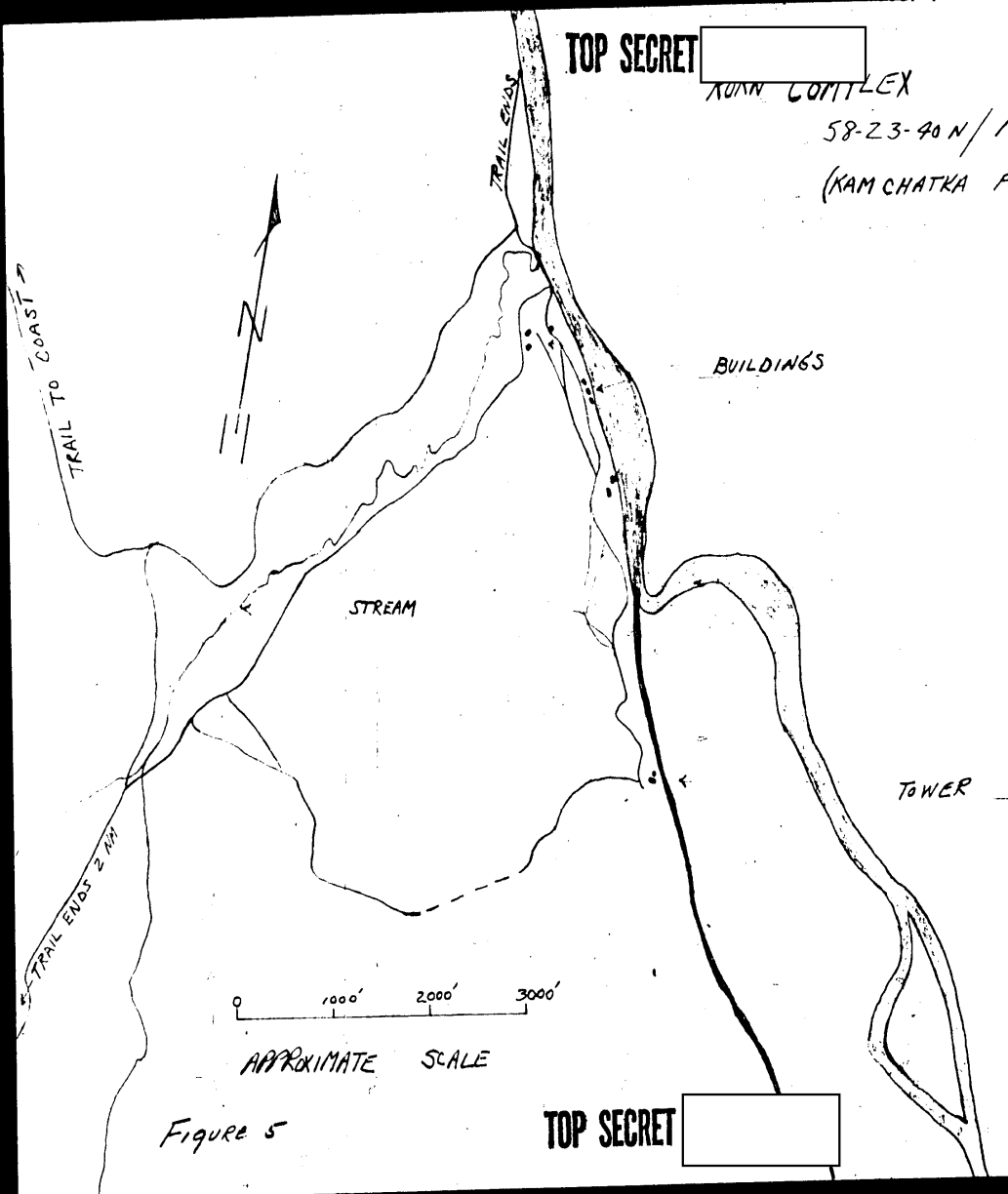
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